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TEARS.

BY JAMES W. RILEY.

I put the poem by—someway
My eyes are not themselves to-day!

A sudden glamour o'er my sight—
A something vague indefinite—

An oft recurring blur that blinds
The printed meaning of the lines,

And leaves the mind all suddenly
In utter darkness—strange to me!

It is not childishness, I guess—
Yet something of the tenderness

That used to wet my lashes when
A boy, seems troubling me again,—

The old emotion, sweet and wild,
That drove me truant when a child,

That I might hide the tears that fell
Above the lesson—"Little Nell."

And so it is I put aside
The poem I have vainly tried

To follow; and as one who sighs
In failure through a poor disguise

Of smiles, I dry my tears and say
My eyes are not themselves to-day!

FAMILIAR TALKS ON SCIENCE.—NO. 2.

ASTRONOMY.

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The promise made to Abraham was that his seed should be "as the stars of Heaven for multitude." The force of this figure depended upon the impression then prevalent, and which is now made upon the casual observer, that the stars are too numerous to be counted. At first glance this does seem to be the case. But if one gazes steadily at one point in the Heavens, he will perceive that it is the twinkling of the stars which makes them appear to be so numorous. And this twinkling, you will perceive, is not a constant quantity. Upon some evenings it is much greater than upon others: and in some places it is much more noticeable than in others. From this you might readily infer that the twinkling of the stars is caused by some changes which take place in our own atmosphere.

Roguish boys in school sometimes make sport by throwing the light from a mirror upon different parts of the room. It is somewhat thus that the particles of water in the air disturbs the motion of the faint ray of star light, as it passes through the atmostphere which is laden with moisture.

But the stars which can be seen with the naked eye not very numorous. All told they are not more than 5000: and near sighted persons, and those whose sight has not been trained to observe could not find so many as that. But if 5000 is the whole number visible it follows that no person can at any one time see more than one half that number, or, 2500. It is the magnifying power of the telescope which reveals to us the greatness of the task one would take upon himself were he to try to count the stars. The telescope reveals hundreds, and even thousands of stars where the unaided eye perceives but one.

It is estimated that the best telescope of modern times would bring into view upwards of 30 000 000 of stars: certain of the stars always retain the same position with reference to one another and so from what are called constellations.

Every body ought to know where the North Star is. But if they have any trouble in finding that, they cannot fail to learn where the "big dipper" is which circles around the North Star. The Pleiades and Orion with its bands are also probably as well known to all my readers as they were to Job.

But I need not enumerate the constellations to illustrate the point. The stars which still retain the same position relative to one another which they occupied when the book of Job was written, are very properly called *fixed* stars.

There are however, as any one can observe, a few stars which are not fixed. These also shine with a steadier light than the others. Venus, for example, is sometimes the morning star, and sometime the evening star, but it is never seen overhead in the middle of the night. It is never opposite the sun.

Mars, with its ruddy light, and Jupiter, are visible some years, and some years are not. Sometimes they are seen in company and sometimes singly, and when they appear, one has but to watch them closely for a few weeks to see that they change their position with reference to the fixed stars. The number of these wondering stars, or planets, as they are called, is small. Once it was thought there were but seven. Now we know there are nine.

But are some of the stars really fixed, and some of them in motion? Probably all of them are in motion. Some *appear* fixed because they are so far off that their motion is not visible. The motion of the stars will however naturally come up in a separate chapter. We must speak of one more visible object here. The Milky Way needs no description. But it may well excite our wonder that what looks so much like a fleecy cloud should never dissolve, but should remain a constant a feature as the heavens have to display. This wonder is disipated only when we learn, through the telescope that the Milky Way is not a scattered mist, but a *belt of stars* so far off, and set at such different distances that they lose, their individuality, and look like the dust out of which the stars are made.

In the next chapter we will talk about the motions of the stars.

There is one colored boy in the California University who is making rapid strides in his study of Civil Engineering, and bears a good reputation among his associates and teachers generally. We have reason to "fear" that he will be the "coming star." Well, let him come, since he is reputed to be a *respectable* star of increasing magnitude.—*Elevator*.

The colored people of Louisville have a singing society called the "Sængerfest." This, we think, is a case of imitativeness gone to seed. If "singing society" is too common, why not take some fancy English word that will express the same meaning? Why break into the German language when the English is not yet exhausted?—*Leader*.

There is a growing sentiment rampant all over these United States which is irreconcilably opposed to the colored Republicans doing all the voting and the white ones doing all the office holding. It has commenced to show itself, and it is not going to be put down by any such tomfoolery as "too soon," "not expedient," and all that. A few crumbs thrown out now and then as a tub to the hungry shark will not do. We want recognition and we are going to have it. That's what's the matter.—*Va. Star.*

Mr. David E. Sadgwar, one of the colored carpenters of this city, recently framed a guano factory and acid chamber for the Chesapeake Guano Company, of Baltimore, which has attracted considerable attention. The framing to its minutest detail was done here by Mr. Sadgwar, while all of the iron work for the acid chamber furnaces, which are to be the largest in the United States, was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Hart, Bailey & Co., of this city. The whole has been shipped to Baltimore.—*A. A. Presbyterian.*

REMINISCENCES OF IRA ALDRIDGE, THE AFRICAN TRAGEDIAN.

NO. 1.

BY T. MORRIS CHESTER.

[From Forney's *Progress*.]

The passions and prejudices engendered by influences which are now rapidly passing away have excluded from literary periodicals a just estimate of the Negro as a contributor to art. Whatever was in him of merit there was a sentiment sufficiently potent to depreciate his efforts and ridicule his aspirations. Another era has happily dawned. Another and more impartial spirit has been infused into public opinion. Old things are passing away and a new dispensation has obliterated the exceptions by receiving men into the body politic on their manhood without distinction or discrimination. This progress, which has been attained by unswerving fidelity and devotion to principle, while many are now in line through policy, has made it possible to afford the Negro a hearing upon his merits before the bar of American public opinion.

The popular interest manifested in the appearance of Salvini, the Italian tragedian in Philadelphia; in Mlle. Bernhardt, the French star, in New York, that has attracted so many worshippers in Edwin Booth, the American idol, in London, recalls the triumphs which the eminent African tragedian, in his struggles, under more adverse circumstances, achieved in the principal European cities.

Ira Aldridge, called in the early days of his triumphs the African Roscius, was born at Belair, near Baltimore in 1804, under all the unfavorable circumstances which attach to a person of African descent in the midst of human bondage. He died rather suddenly in Poland, August 7, 1867, amid a sensation of regret. An immense concourse of people, including the Sabbath-schools, followed his remains to the grave in acknowledgment of his contribution to the world's civilization and in sorrow over his departure. In complexion he was dark brown, with full whiskers. He was about six feet in height, commanding in his proportions without being unduly corpulent. His expression was benign, his pose graceful, his conversation modest, and his features unmistakably African.

He was apprenticed in his youth to a ship-carpenter, and by associations with Germans, on the Western Shore of Maryland, acquired a knowledge of that language. His education, which was obtained in the rough school of experience, was fair and highly creditable. Endowed with an aspiring mind, it early quickened him to seek the stage. This desire brought him into association with Edmun Kean, in 1826, whom he accompanied to England, where the great actor encouraged his ambition and assisted him in obtaining welcome and opportunities for his budding talent. His color was no barrier there to a recognition of manifest worth. He made his debut at Royalty Theatre, in London, as Othello, on which the public judgment was so favorable as to secure for him an appearance at Covent Garden Theatre, April 10, 1839, in the same character, where an engagement in a leading role is still regarded as a stamp of acknowledged merit. After scoring many flattering and prosperous appearances at other theatres in the metropolis, he starred the provinces with increasing good fortune, and in Ireland performed Othello, with Edmund Kean as Iago. When master and servant, benefactor and protege, white man and black man met as equals upon a common level, in a spirit of rivalry as candidates for popular applause, is demonstrated what a Negro was capable of accomplishing with a little encouragement in a fair field with an untrammelled effort.

In 1852 he appeared in Germany, where he took high rank in personating Shakesperian characters. Though a stranger and a foreigner of a different race, with none of the artifices at command to conciliate and cultivate public opinion, which may be exercised by a Caucasian, playing in English while his support was rendered in the language of the country, he attempted an experiment which until then was regarded beyond the hope of reasonable success. For three years he entranced Germany with his thrilling power of personation and wonderful realization of character. The King of Prussia was so deeply moved with his first appearance in Othello, at Berlin, that he communicated his admiration on the following morning, through one of his ministers, in writing, and conferred upon Aldridge the title of Chevalier in recognition of his dramatic genius. The minister, in the same communication, which I have read, added his congratulations, and the pleasure which it afforded him in being the medium of the royal declaration of esteem. He also informed Aldridge that the lady who played Desdemona was so affected by the reality which he infused into the character in the jealous and tragic scenes that medical attention was immediately necessary.

In Russia Aldridge was everywhere greeted with popular favor. He carried the hearts of the people by storm. The highest circles paid homage to his genius and welcomed him to the charmed circle of social intercourse. Upon his letters of introduction I have enjoyed the hospitality of some of the most eminent families of the nobility in St. Petersburg. The admiration and good wishes which I was charged to convey to him by some of the most distinguished personages, male and female friends, and those who never personally made his acquaintance, evidenced that he left memorable impressions of his merit as an artist and his qualities as a gentleman. A dramatic critic in St. Petersburg informed me that while Aldridge was great in Othello, he was still greater in Shylock, which he declared was his masterpiece. Popular judgment, however, in European cities, regarded him as the ideal Othello. Some signification of his power over his support and his audience may be inferred from incidents associated with his conception of the Moor of Venice. The lady who was cast for Desdemona in St. Petersburg was so alarmed by his simulation of passion and resolution to kill her, that she begged to be relieved from the part for fear he might not be able to control himself in the ebullitions of feigned rage; but the request was not granted, and the screams which came from the deathbed scene were expressive of real terror. The dread which affected Desdemona soon begenerally known in the city, and the audience would wait for and enjoy the screams of fright, which gave an additional zest to the performance.

The apprehensions produced by the dramatic power with which the character was infused, seemed to impress her that she was dealing with the original Othello, or one who so effectively acted and believed himself to be the venerable Moor as to render the part of Desdemona dangerous; and yet there never was a complaint of any rudeness in his intercourse or any roughness in his touch in the most exciting scenes.

On an occasion in St. Petersburg when he was personating Othello, in a majestic effort, with the audience entranced and magnetized in the deathbed scene, the breathless quiet was broken by the interruption of a young man, who stood up and exclaimed, with positive and earnest gestures, "She is innocent, Othello! she is innocent." Aldridge, having his back to the audience, continued on in unbroken effect with the scene, which soon closed the play. On the next day he was dining with a Russion prince, when his host called his attention to the interruption during the play of the previous evening, and asked Aldridge if he heard it. He replied he did. The prince explained that one of the students was so enwrapt by the dramatic effect as to believe that he was beholding the real rather than the artistic, and that in his excitement he was seized with a sudden illness. "I hope he is better," said the tragedian. "No," said the prince, "he is dead."

(To be continued)

The Philadelphia *Press* appears to think that Senator Bruce will have a place in Garfield's Cabinet, and Murat Halstead, of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, remarks with the knowing air that marks the Ohio editor in these days: "It seems to be well understood, however, that Mr. Blaine, of Maine, and Governor Foster, of Ohio, will be in the Cabinet. We do not see that Garfield could do better than confirm these rumors. Then with Bruce for Secretary of the Navy and A. W. Campbell for Postmaster General and Senator Allison for the Treasury we shall be able to start fair."—*Sentinel.*

The market in the city is very good, all kinds of game can be found at the market house on Market street. One first class grocery is kept by a colored man, on Wylie street; it carries a stock worth $10,000. Mr. Jackson is a fine business man. There is one establishment where they work in steel, making axes and other sharp tools, where there work 7000 colored men. —*Pittsburg (Pa.) Correspondence of the Leader.*

An Equal Rights League has been formed by the colored citizens of Richmond, Indiana, to assist the Rev. J. M. Townsend in his fight for equal school priviliges.

Colored citizens of Kentucky are petitioning Congress to amend the Senate Educational bill so as to apply the principal of the sum appropriated instead of the interest, to the general cause of education.

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Read what we give as premiums to those who secure subscribers for us.

Amounts less than one dollar due us can be remitted in two and three cent postage stamps.

There is no denying it that the *Louisianian*, which has just again come to light, is our foremost political journal.

Mr. S. G. Brown has our thanks for a Report of the National Museum Building Commission and of the Architects reprinted from the Smithsonian Annual for 1879.

There is no more impropriety in delegations of colored politicians visiting General Garfield than similar delegations of white men, and no more impropriety in their seeking to influence his administration than in other men who boldly attempt to accomplish the same results.

While the *New Era* (Charleston, S. C.) is about it, let it tell us whether it is a fact that one Alex. McClure stole some Blue Ridge R. R. bonds when on his last visit to South Carolina, that he was arrested at Florence, upon which he returned the same? Is it the same Alex. McClure, the wandering editorial correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*?

The visit of such men as R. B. Elliott, Samuel Lee, D. A. Straker, J. B. Devaux and G. W. Price to General Garfield will continue before the American public the discussion of the reasons why colored men should not be ignored in the distribution of the public patronage. These reasons have never before been clearly and fully stated; when they are, there is no doubt but that what can be properly done will be.

As the time approaches the movements on the political chess board become more and more suspicous. The selection of Senator Blaine for one Cabinet position seems to be generally conceded; the withdrawal of Will Cumback with thirty-two votes behind him from the Senatorial struggle in Indiana intensifies the *quid nunes*, and the unanimous nomination of Sherman does not settle Ohio's place in the councils of the next President. We shall see what we shall see.

A convocation of Christian workers is called to take place at Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, January 25, and continue one week.

The daily exercises will consist of consecration meetings, medical conferences, lectures on science, Bible readings, cottage meeting, and Gospel services. Free entertainment is provided for those who may attend. The call is signed by pastors of the A. M. E., M. E., Baptist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist churches of the aforesaid city.

Great deal has been said in these columns from time to time on Co-operation in general and Co-operative Stores in particular; but Hon. Samuel Lee of Sumter, S. C., has for two years conducted a co ooperative store very successfully at the above named point, besides running a mill at which the cotton of the people could be ginned, their corn ground, etc. The shares were placed at $5 each, on which, in the first place, an interest of seven per cent is paid, besides two thirds of the net profits to the purchases by members and one-third to those made by other parties. Mr. Lee deserves great credit for this undertaking. It shows what can be done. It may be well to state that Mr. Lee followed closely upon the Rochdale plan of co-operative stores.

Mr. Ramsdell draws a shaft against Senator Bruce in the last issue of the *Republic*—a shaft poisoned with malice and the hatred born of a wietched failure to use Senator Bruce as it was supposed a "darkey" Senator could be used.

It strikes us that this shaft will not dangerously wound the Senator, but that it will more seriously affect its author, we have not the slightest doubt.

"An ignorant man, incapacity to deal in public affairs and to use the English language correctly" is a serious charge to make against a Senator of the United States; but it will need stronger evidence than the thrusts of an editor-correspondent who only discovered this ignorance after he failed to secure the appointment of a friend of his to a clerkship on the Freedman's Bank Committee of which Senator Bruce is chairman.

This looks like a refinement of blackmail.

MEDITATION.

One of the sacred writers has said my meditation of Him shall be sweet. This world is peopled with races of men with various colors, opposite tastes, different dispositions, and strange views of morals. Hence wherever we find men, even among the lowest races of humanity; we find them thinking. The good thinking of virtuous things—and the bad meditating evil continually. The good delighting in that which refines the soul—and the bad, musing upon that which ponders to the natural appetite that debases; and doing everything they can blot out in man's soul God's image. But there are many objects upon which men can meditate that are not religious, but they have a tendency to elevate the mind: and it is sweet to think of them. 'Tis sweet for the geologist to study stones! 'Tis sweet for the botanist to study plants! 'Tis sweet for the philosopher to study physics! 'Tis sweet for the mathematicians to study numbers! 'Tis sweet for the geographer to study the eaath! 'Tis sweet for the linguist to study languages! 'Tis sweet for the historian to study past events! 'Tis sweet for the artist to study paintings! 'Tis sweet for the astronomer to study heavenly bodies! But in all such meditation the one who can look from nature, up to nature's God, is a happier man by far, than he who studies such sciences regardless of his Creator. The scientist who can see God in the tender grass, the lilies of the fields, the gurgling brook, the sparkling dew drop, and the golden sun beam, has a joy in meditating upon God's work that is in expressible.

The Psalmist had been taking a scientific survey of God's works before he uttered the beautiful words, which we have just quoted. And no doubt but that he fell far short of expressing just what he felt. He bursts out in the first part of this psalm and says "Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty." Then he tells how God stretched out the Heavens—how He rides upon the clouds, and walks upon the wings of the earth, and covered it with a great deep so that the waters stood above the tops of the mountains, and at the Lord's rebuke they hasted away. He tells how the Lord sent the spring trickling down the mountains and coursing through the valleys. He speaks of day and night: light and darkness—seed time and harest. And he is overwhelmed as he thinks and says O Lord how manifold are they works? A question that should natully present itself to every thinking mind at the beginning of this New Year. What shall I meditate upon this year? Shall it be evil or shall it good? Shall it be base or shall it be virtuous? Shall it make me wise or shall it make me foolish? Shall it make me better or shall it make me worse? This is a thought that all of us should bring before us at the beginning of this New Year and resolve to be better and wiser at the close of 1881 than we are at its beginning.

THE CENSUS.

Georgia has a total population of 1,538,983, of which 724,765 (including 17 Chinese, 93 Indians and half breeds and 1 Albino) are colored, and 814,218 whites.

Colorado has a total population of 194,649, of which 3,197 (including 610 Chinese, 128 Indians and half breeds) are colored.

Louisiana has 455,063 white, colored (including 473 Chinese, 819 Indians and half breeds, 8 half Chinese, 1 West Indian and 1 East Indian) 485,200; total 940,263.

North Carolina has 867,467 whites, colored (including 1 Japanese, 1,216 Indians and half breeds) 532,533; total, 1,400,000,

Alabama has 661,976 whites, colored (including 4 Chinese, 213 Indians and half breeds) 600,358; total, 1,252,694.

Arkansas has 591,611 whites, colored (including 134 Chinese, 197 Indians and half breeds) 200,953; total, 802,564.

Iowa has 1,614,510 whites, colored (including 47 Chinese, 464 Indians and half breeds) 9,953; total, 1,624,463.

New Jersey has 1,091,856 whites, colored (including 176 Chinese, 2 Japanese, 58 Indians, 2 East Indians and 2 —Ibinos) 39,036; total, 1,130,892.

PERSONAL.

Col. J. T. Wilson, editor of the "Sentinal" of Norfolk, Virginia, has lost his only child.

Bishop Dickenson is exerting himself to establish a Co-operative store in Columbia, South Carolina.

George Beard editor of the "Republican Advocate" of Chicago has been elected to clerical position on the Senate of his State.

Mr. W. D. Kelley of Leavenworth has just arrived in the city. He looks well, means business, and is candidate for Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate.—"Topeka Tribune."

Charles J. Malord, Esq., arrived in the city yesterday from Massachusetts, en route to Virginia where he has been appointed to a postal clerkship. He looks unusually well.

Hon. R. B. Elliott, D. A. Straker and Samuel Lee of South Carolina, arrived here last Sunday. Messrs. Elliott and Straker, left Tuesday night for Clevelantl, en route to Mentor, the home of President-elect Garfield.

Mrs. Senator Bruce, wife of the colored Senator from Mississippi, was among the most distinguished looking ladies present at the White House on New Year's day. She wore a Worth's reception toilet of two shades, of violet colored silk and satin, trimmed with white lace and diamond ornaments.—Atlanta Constitution.

Speaking of the Jubilee Singers the Pittsfield (Mass.) "Journal" has the following:

We cannot speak too highly of the concert. It was Nature's own music, coming from natural fountains, cultivated and trained, but bearing none of those harsh chords, which the opera can never wholly avoid. Mr. Loudin's powerful bass voice completely filled the hall, and Miss Jackson's notes thrilled all who heard her. Mr. Payne, as first tenor, well swelled the stream of melody. Miss Lawrence was one of the prettiest and easiest singers we ever listened to. What Strauss did for his orchestra did Miss Porter for the company. She appeared to sing "all over" and she led the chorus perfectly, easily and correctly. The quartette singing was exceedingly fine, and would have done credit to a most fashionable concert. One may travel for years and listen to the operatic airs of the world's greatest singers, but never could he find a smoother River of Melody than was poured instantaneously from the throats of the Jubilee Singers.

W. E. Miller, of Bellevue, Ohio, says:—I have been troubled with Asthma, and received no relief until I procured your "Only Lung Pad." I can recommend it to any one having the Asthma.—*See Adv.*

—The Y. M. C. A. have elected a general secretary, Mr. Stewart at a salary of $20 per month.

G. U. O. of O. F.

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Star of the West 1369 2nd and 4th Wednesday D. M. Chambers P S 115 7th s e.

Edmond Lodge No. 1544 New Albany, Ind. gave a public installation Thursday night.

"The Unwise Step" which in our opinion Wm. M. T. Forrester G. M. of the G. U. O. O. F. took was not in *joining* the I. O. of Immaculates, but in accepting the office the faithful performance of the duties of which must interfere with the performance of similar duties as G. M.

The editor of the *Immaculate Banner* should readily perceive this. What insurance company—say with an Endowment feature just introduced would permit its chief executive officer to become—say canvassing agent or inspector of another insurance company with a similar feature just inaugurated while at the same time it might have no objection whatever to his taking out an additional policy in said company?

That's the case in point. We say now as we said before-the acceptance of this *position* in the *new order* was unwise in the extreme.

Suppose Bro. Hadley, the S. M. of the Immaculates and the editor of their organ were to become one of the canvassing commissioners of the Insurance feature of the G. U. O. would not the I. O. of I. think it would be better for him to concentrate his exertions upon one office until its success became fully assured before accepting a similar one elsewhere? That done subsequent duties would become comparatively routine work, and the holding of the two offices less liable to the objection we raised.

"Ye cannot serve two masters."

The Innependent Order of Immaculates is a secret organization started some years ago, with its headquerters at Nashville Tennessee, with a present membership exceeding 6000. It has an insurance feature attached to it, by which they ultimately expect to pay an Endowment of $2000. It has agents in the field who establish new lodges, one of which was recently opened at Richmond. W. M. T. Forrester, not only joined it which he had a perfect right to do, but accepted the office of Deputy which imposes upon him duties in connection with the establishment of other lodge in the same vicinity. Our point was this, since he has accepted the trust of G. M. of the Odd Fellows in a turning point in its history, he should not take upon him any other obligations which will conflict with his duties to the G. U. O. He cannot push to successful issue the endowment feature of the G. U. O. and that of the I. O. of Immaculates at the same time.

1857-1881.

The 24th anniversary of John F. Cook Lodge 1185 was celebrated last Saturday night at their hall on 13th street. The exercises were opened by O. Peebles who acted N. G. and prayer by the chaplain, after which P. N. F. W. L. Freeman was introducted as master of ceremonies. After a very cordial welcome address to the lodge and visiting brethren the representatives from the sister lodges were introduced in the following order:

Union Friendship by P. G. N. Chas. F. Murray, Eastern Star, P. G. M. William C. Marshall, Mt. Olive, by P. G. M. Thomas H. Barlow, Star of the West by P. N. F. J. W. Cromwell, Bloom of Youth P. N. F. William Walker, Peter Ogden by M. V. P. J. E. Morgan and Simon by P. G. M. J. Brown.

P. G. M. John A. Simms who was put down for a historical sketch was not present at the time he was called for, so P. N. F. R. B. Ross, one of the founder-members was called for in his stead. After the conclusion of his brief address J. A. Simms arrived and at the request of the master of ceremonies spoke contrasting Odd Fellowship to-day with that of ante-bellum days when every Odd Fellow was personally known to every other within the District. The speeches counseled unity, greater fidelity to the principles upon which the order is based and to the obligations imposed. These addresses were all well received.

The party then adjourned to the banqueting hall below where they discussed oysters, turkey, chicken salad, tongue, ham, coffee and chocolate, ice creams and cakes to the evident satisfaction of all present.

Thus end the 24th anniversary of John F. Cook lodge.

The District Lodge meets Monday night. By order J. A. Simms, D M.

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LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Mrs. Agnes Smallwood the leading soprano at St. Augustine's, and for several years confessedly at the head of the colored singers of this city has been very ill. She is much better now.

—Mrs. Sallie McD. Waring has returned to the city from Virginia.

—The committee on Co-operation met last night at Dr. A. T. Augusta. It is thought they will be ready shortly to go to work.

—A new musical director, the successor to Sig. Barili, has been appointed in the choir of St. Augustine R. C. church.

—The Capitol City Guards elected a number of subordinate officers the other night. Their proposed fair has been indefinitely postponed.

—There was a sociable of the Lincoln Mission School Teachers Wednesday night at the residence of Prof. Seaman on 11th street.

—Intelligence has reached us that Mr. George W. Hardmond lies in a precarious condition in the city of New York from a severe attach of small pox.

—The Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, Corner of 11th and R street, n. w. Sabbath School Sunday 3 p. m. preaching at 7:30 p. m. subject, Sunday evening, "A New Era at Lincoln Mission."

—Miss M. Morten has recoved from her slight indisposition.

—Two young ladies attended the ordination services Monday night, and were specially interested.

—The invites to the Mitchell-Contee wedding are out. The ceremony comes off next Thursday night.

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A grand concert and levee given by the United Aid Association at Union Bethel Hall was one of the most interesting entertainments we have witnessed for some time. Notwithstanding the snow the attendance was large and the addresses were interesting and instructive. Mr. Russell, the president of the association gave an interesting history and explanation of the principles of the association, afterwards introduced Prof. R T. Greener of South Carolina, who delivered a long, yet decidedly interesting address mentioning many of the successful and enterprising features of the colored race. The glee club was also in attendance and did great credit to the occasion. This society organized in 1870 and was incorporated in the same year, has a membership of 84. It will be remembered that this society lost $1000 in the Freedman's Bank and to-day the United Aid Association is one of our most substantial societies, it having in its treasury at present $750. May it live long and prosper.

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Last Sunday was the first Sabbath for ten months at St. Luke's at which there was that warm cordiality and co operation between rector and parishioners which are indispensable to success—a cause for universal gratulation and praise.

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